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# Stump Water

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Have just returned from four days in California, and this hat simply shrunk. We do not have the big head. No.

Everyone out there was so nice to us.

We were on Side Lights, a TV show at Bakersfield, California for one hour and again on the Mort Sahl show in Los Angeles for one hour. Sahl was off his show for about two days. \$1,000 cards and letters in two days got his 39 week contract renewed.

Fifty people had to be turned away from the TV studio (seated 250) in Bakersfield. No seats left.

On Sahl's show, we were on the program with Sylvia Menger, and M. S. Aronson both of New York City. Sylvia has done more work than most on the assassination, and has done it more brilliantly than anyone.

M. S. Aronson, who spent more than six years in Hitler's concentration camps, is editor of **THE MINORITY OF ONE**, a monthly magazine which accepts no advertising. Aronson is doing all he possibly can to try to make this country retain a little of its sanity and former greatness.

We have not had the pleasure of reading the full page ad in the NEW YORK TIMES which the city of Dallas bought to defend itself. We did, however, see the item which informed us that H. L. (we call him Big Daddy) Hunt has moved the offices of Life Line from Washington to Dallas. Now that was a real plus sign for the image of Dallas.

Since we have not seen the Dallas ad, we will have to try to imagine what Dallas could do to improve its image. These are off-hand suggestions and our ideas probably will not be seriously considered by Dallas, but are offered in the kindest sympathy.

Example: "Everything you say about us is true. We are undemocratic. We are self centered. We did provide an atmosphere which made it possible for our President to be murdered. Now we promise to try to start doing better. We are going to preach truth in the pulpit and in the papers."

Example: "Yes, all you say about us is true. And if we cannot do better in the next twelve months, we promise to dig a big hole, jump into it and pull the hole in behind us."

But Dallas doesn't take either of our suggestions!